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Lyle W. Asell, Interim Director
Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Henry A. Wallace Building
502 East 9th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Re: Approval of Nine Eagles Lake and Rock Creek TMDLs (§303(d) Clean Water Act)

Dear Mr. Asell:

Thank you for the submission dated December 28, 2000 requesting approval of the Nine Eagles Lake and Rock Creek total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) under §303(d) of the Clean Water Act. We have completed our review of these two TMDLs as submitted by your office and in accordance with §303(d) of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), we approve all aspects of both of these TMDLs. I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize your staff for extending a sincere partnership in collaborating with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on the development of both of these TMDLs.

Enclosed are two EPA Region 7 Review Forms which summarize the rationale for EPA's approval of these TMDLs. The EPA believes the separate elements for both of the TMDLs described separately in the enclosed forms adequately address the pollutants of concern, taking into consideration seasonal variation and a margin of safety. The effort that Iowa has put into public participation activities centered around these TMDLs is particularly impressive.

Again, EPA appreciates the thoughtful teamwork and partnering effort that Iowa has put forth in the development of these TMDLs and will continue to cooperate with and assist, as appropriate, in future efforts by Iowa to develop the remaining TMDLs on the current Iowa §303(d) list of impaired water bodies.

Sincerely,

U. Gale Hutton
Director
Water, Wetlands, and Pesticides Division

Enclosures

